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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A European Search Report dated July 6, 2006 that issued in a European patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. The cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and the non-U.S. documents are also attached hereto.

The relevance of the attached foreign language documents can be understood from the attached English-language abstracts, and from the citation of these documents in the attached European Search Report dated July 6, 2006. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner

consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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